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TAGS: SHUM, ELAB, PINS, KS
SUBJECT: LABOR DAY CELEBRATIONS SET FOR MARCH 10

1. MARCH 10 IS KOREAN LABOR DAY. THE MAJOR COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY WILL BE THE FKTU'S TRADITIONAL RALLY AT A LARGE STADIUM IN SEOUL - A RALLY USUALLY ATTENDED BY TWO OR THREE CABINET RANK OFFICIALS OF THE ROKG.

2. CHRISTIAN WORKERS WHO ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS AND THE URBAN INDUSTRIAL MISSION HAVE ALSO MADE IT A REGULAR PRACTICE TO MARK LABOR DAY WITH A SERVICE OF THEIR OWN, WHICH THEY WILL LIKELY HOLD AT THE MYONGDONG CATHEDRAL. IT IS PROBABLY THAT SOME DISSIDENTS WILL SPEAK AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE, AND THAT ROKG SOCIAL PARTY WILL BE ROUNDLY CONDEMNED. THIS FORMAT IS NOT NEW FOR THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE, BUT, SINCE THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR AND THE ROKG HAS BEEN SHOWING A HEIGHTENED SENSE OF DEFENSIVENESS, WE WILL OBSERVE THIS YEAR'S CHRISTIAN SERVICE WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION.
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